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The Gibson Robbery

A Smart Piece of Detective Work

By CLARISSA MACKIE

"Mr. Harley?" inquired the white haired, elderly man, stepping into the private office of the junior member of the law firm.

"I am Rogers," said that young man courteously. "My partner, Mr. Harley, has not yet returned from lunch. Did you wish to see him particularly?"

"No. Either one will do," returned the other hastily. "I was directed here by my friend Dr. Brown. He gave me to understand that your firm did a little detective work now and then."

"Hardly that," returned Rogers, placing a chair for his client and regaining his own seat, "but in the course of our practice we have chanced upon a number of curious cases that we were fortunate enough to unravel. As a matter of fact, we are rather fond of that sort of thing, although it is not a branch of our business."

The visitor frowned thoughtfully for a moment and then looked sharply at the young lawyer.

"In spite of what you say perhaps I can prevail upon you to undertake a delicate matter for me. It is in the line of detective work, but it requires unusual tact, something that the average detective does not possess. This is not the mere shadowing of a suspected party. It is an endeavor to find a thief among a group of people none of whom could possibly be guilty of theft." He leaned back and smiled at Rogers' look of dismay.

"Tough proposition, eh?"

"Rather. It sounds interesting. With out consulting my partner I'll say that we will take it up as a recreation after business hours."

"Done!" returned the visitor heartily. Drawing a card case from his pocket, he laid a bit of pasteboard on Rogers' desk and leaned back in his chair.

"My name is Gibson—James Addison Gibson," he said, nodding toward the card, "and my house was robbed last evening of \$10,000 worth of jewels."

Rogers sat up in his chair and listened intently.

"It happened at my country home at Shorecliffe. My wife and I were entertaining six friends from Manhattan, all people of refinement and impeccable honesty."

"During the evening Mrs. Gibson mentioned that she had just received a necklace of diamonds as a birthday gift from me, and she brought out the jewel case and displayed the necklace to her friends. It was greatly admired, and I was about to close the case and replace it in my safe in the library when both my wife and myself were summoned to the telephone by an urgent message."

"Was the message really an urgent one?"

"It proved to be an error. There was some mistake about the number, and the Mr. and Mrs. Gibson called for were really my brother and his wife, who lived over on the East road."

"So your absence from the room was really unnecessary?"

"So it appears."

"Did any one enter or leave the room during your absence?"

"I cannot say that any one remembered. I have questioned the servants, and all are unanimous in the protest that they had not entered the room that evening."

"Who brought the message from the telephone?"

"Pun Shah, my Hindu butler."

Rogers was silent for a long time, and then he asked one more question.

"Did Pun Shah enter the room when he called you and Mrs. Gibson outside, or did he stand in the doorway?"

"He merely stood in the doorway and gave the message."

"May I have the names of the six guests who were present that evening?"

Mr. Gibson nodded.

Rogers drew forth a pencil and notebook. "Please give a brief description of each one as you mention the name, not forgetting to give me the chief characteristics that mark each individual."

"First, there was Rodney Stone, the poet, a dreamy young chap, with his lovely wife, who is quite content to shine in the reflection of his glory."

"Then came Dr. Latimer, a brilliant physician, now driven to death with an immense practice. If he keeps on his present pace without cessation from work he will end in a madhouse. Besides Dr. Latimer, there was Mrs. Finelli, the prima donna, who, as you no doubt have heard, possesses an emotional temperament as well as a wonderful voice. Last of all were the Huxfords, father and son, busy Wall street men, almost too fagged out to recollect what the necklace looked like five minutes after my wife had displayed it."

"Those were the six who were alone with the jewels?"

"Yes."

"And they are all unanimous in saying that not one person entered the room during your absence?"

"Yes, although it is singular that Mrs. Finelli and Mrs. Rodney Stone both declare that Pun Shah stood in the doorway for a moment and regarded the company rather strangely for a few seconds. Mrs. Finelli resented the impertinence and made a gesture of dismissal. After that the man vanished. As a matter of fact, Mr. Rogers, not one of my six guests can recollect the topic they were discussing when I entered the room and discovered that the diamonds were missing."

"Now, what am I to do? The case is a singular one, and I do not care to call the police into the matter, although the loss is a greater one than I can afford to withstand. The gift to my wife was rather an important matter financially." He smiled ruefully. Mr. Rogers put up his notebook and donned his hat.

"Where is Pun Shah now, Mr. Gibson?" he asked.

"Down at Shorecliffe, I presume. He was there at noon when I motored up to town."

"Can you take me to Shorecliffe at once?"

"Certainly; my car is at the door."

Rogers dictated a brief message for his partner and left the office with Mr. Gibson. In five minutes they were spinning toward the Thirty-fourth street ferry to Long Island City.

Shorecliffe was a handsome estate on the north shore of the sound, and Mr. Gibson and the young lawyer reached the gates within an hour after leaving Rogers' office.

A grave eyed Hindu in snowy turban admitted them to the house, and Rogers was conscious of a peculiar sensation along his spinal column as he met the man's piercing glance.

He felt in that moment that Pun Shah knew the reason for his coming as well as many other things that he would not divulge.

He followed his host into the library and listened intently while Mr. Gibson pointed out the table where the jewels had lain during his absence at the telephone. The table was between two French windows that opened upon the front veranda.

"Were the windows open last evening?" asked Rogers.

"They were both closed. It was chilly and we were enjoying a fire on the hearth."

Rogers was silent for a long time. His eyes wandered from one spot to another. Once they glimpsed the corner of Pun Shah's snowy turban outside the door, and again he was sure that the man's jetty eyes were regarding him from a heavily bearded curtain that separated the library from a smaller adjoining study.

"Well, Mr. Rogers, I am wondering if you exonerate all my friends. My theory does not permit of suspicion pointing to one of them," remarked Mr. Gibson at last.

"My theory, Mr. Gibson, is that all your six guests were accessory to the deed."

"What? My dear sir?"

"Wait a moment, sir. I did say that they were accessories to the deed, but it was quite unconsciously so on their part. Have you several strong men on the place, men whom you can trust?"

"Yes. There is Baker, the gardener, with his assistants, besides my chauffeur and the second man, four altogether. Why, may I ask?"

"Please summon them to this room, and after that," continued Rogers in a low tone, "have the man, Pun Shah, sent in."

Mr. Gibson smiled grimly. "So that's it, is it? I couldn't see how the rascal had a chance. Excuse me, if you please, while I send for the men."

He left the room and Rogers waited there alone. Presently he heard a stealthy footstep behind his chair and a hot breath on his neck. He jumped just in time to escape the wicked knife of Pun Shah, whose dark face was convulsed with anger.

Rogers had whipped out a revolver, and so the two were standing facing each other when Mr. Gibson returned with his four servants.

"What is this, Pun Shah?" demanded his master quickly, but the man only bowed his head in silence.

"Your man was about to kill me," said Rogers coolly, "because I have discovered that he is the one who stole your diamonds."

"Is it possible? Pun Shah, what have you to say?"

The Hindu fastened a look of deadly hatred on the young lawyer and, snatching off his turban, drew from its folds the string of diamonds that had so mysteriously disappeared. He hung the ornaments on the floor at his master's feet and with a swift, gliding movement vanished from the room.

No more a movement to follow, and an instant later they saw the flicker of his white turban as he disappeared down the driveway.

Mr. Gibson dismissed his servants with a gesture, dropped the string of diamonds in his coat pocket, and faced Rogers.

"How did you fasten the crime upon Pun Shah so quickly? I had evidence that no one saw him enter the room, and—"

Rogers put up a hand. "It is easily explained. Your butler possesses unusual hypnotic powers. He simply hypnotized the six guests in your drawing room, took the diamonds from beneath their noses and disappeared. They might have been puzzled by the incident which made them accomplices in his crime, but they were quite innocent of any wrongdoing. In fact, they didn't know what had happened after he left the room."

Mr. Gibson sat down and drew his cheek book toward him.

"This is such a gratifying exhibition of your cleverness, Mr. Rogers, that I must show my appreciation in a substantial way. Here is a check for \$1,000. Shall I make it out to you personally or to your firm?"

"To Harley & Rogers," said the junior partner dizzily. "Harley ought to have something to make up for losing the fun of this job."

COL. ALEX O. BRODIE

Former Governor of Arizona Retires from Army

Col. Alexander O. Brodie, one of the best known officers of the army, was placed on the retired list November 1st on account of age. Until recently Col. Brodie filled the post of adjutant general of the western department, with headquarters at San Francisco.

Col. Brodie's career in the army has been a most distinguished and eventful one. After his graduation from West Point in 1870 he was assigned to the First Cavalry, with which regiment he remained until he resigned from the army in 1877. During these seven years he was an active participant in the Indian wars in the west.

After his resignation Col. Brodie engaged in civil engineering, mining and cattle raising until 1898, when he joined Col. Roosevelt's Rough Riders. He was lieutenant colonel of that organization and took part in its service in Cuba until he was seriously wounded at Las Guasimas and returned to New York. He was governor of Arizona from 1902 to 1905, and was then appointed a major in the regular army. He spent two years in the Philippines and four years as adjutant general of the department of Dakota. In 1911 he was transferred to San Francisco as adjutant general of the western division.

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Postmaster General Burleson rather startled Washington when he announced that the first year of the parcel post system will yield a new profit of \$30,000,000.

For a quarter of a century the railroads and express companies have been successfully making the country believe that the parcel post would be a burden upon the government, and would run the postoffice so far behind that the government might go into bankruptcy. However, the most ardent supporters of the parcel post system did not contemplate anything more than half as great as the first year of the system will show. The result is going to be that parcel rates will be slashed, in order that the public may feel the benefits from the new system without piling up millions for the postoffice department.

The express companies have been insisting, with their most courageous smiles, that they have not been seriously injured by the parcel post, which has taken over the transportation of the small packages, which they say has not been their greatest source of profit. However, there seems to be plenty of reason to assume that the express companies have not commenced with their troubles. The Interstate Commerce Commission has directed an entire readjustment of rates, which will compel the express companies to carry the larger packages, out of which they are securing their present great profits, at rates which are going to make 50 per cent dividends to stockholders of express companies a thing of the past.

A Night of Terror

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forthright will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE NEWS

Home Mission Appointments For November

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Declare War on Colds

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Notice to Creditors

In the Superior Court of County, State of Arizona.

In the matter of the estate of Lapple McBride, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the designated administrator of the estate of Lapple McBride, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the office of George H. Crosby, Jr., Safford, Arizona.

Date of first publication November 28, 1913.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Serial No. 026541

U. S. Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona.
October 31, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Louis J. Wightman, of Fairview, Arizona, who, on August 12, 1913, made desert land entry, No. 026541, for SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 4, Township 1 N., Range 24 E., G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make desert land proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before K. W. Smith, clerk of the Superior Court, at Solomonville, Arizona, on the 9th day of December, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses:
C. Y. Webb, Joseph Webb, T. N. Lamb, L. J. Brown, all of Pima, Arizona.
THOMAS F. WEEDIN, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Serial No. 026283

U. S. Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona.
October 31, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Chloe Matthews, widow of David J. Matthews, of Fairview, Arizona, who, on October 1, 1908, made second homestead entry, No. 02641, for SW 1/4 SE 1/4, and June 4, 1912, made additional homestead entry, No. 026283, for SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 10, Township 1 N., Range 24 E., G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before K. W. Smith, clerk of the Superior Court, at Solomonville, Arizona, on the 9th day of December, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Ephraim Larson, of Fairview, Arizona; George Matthews, of Fairview, Arizona; O. E. Barney, of Solomonville, Arizona; Benjamin Blake, of Solomonville, Arizona.
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